Amendment No. 3 to HB1655

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 451*

House Bill No. 1655

by deleting all of the language following the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-24-608(a), is amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision:

(3) The evaluation and treatment of those persons who have had their lives significantly impacted by compulsive gambling disorder; provided, however, to evaluate or treat a person significantly impacted by compulsive gambling disorder, a counselor shall have not less than sixty (60) additional hours of specialized education relating to compulsive gambling disorder. Such education shall be in the form of formal classroom hours or annual continuing educational hours, or a combination of such hours; provided further, an applicant for license as a part of his or her clinically supervised counseling experience shall have experience with not less than ten (10) patients impacted by compulsive gambling disorder. A qualified supervisor shall have not less than sixty (60) formal classroom hours of instruction related to compulsive gambling disorder to supervise a counselor relative to the evaluation and treatment of compulsive gambling disorder.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.